

# Seeing blue

Flat Hat Election Survey: College students back Obama, display democratic ideology

By MILES HILDER  
Flat Hat News Editor

Virginia may be a swing state, but the College of William and Mary is clearly in Sen. Barack Obama's corner.

According to a Flat Hat web survey of 430 College students last week, 68 percent support Obama in today's presidential election, and 27 percent support Sen. John McCain. Three percent of students are undecided, while the remaining 2 percent plan to vote for a third party.

The web survey, conducted between Oct. 27 and Oct. 31, was sent by The Flat Hat via e-mail to a random sampling of 1,250 students over the age of 18. The margin of error is plus or minus 5 percentage points. Eight students, 1.86 percent of 430 respondents, were not registered to vote.

The poll also examined political ideology at the College. Forty-seven percent of students classify themselves as liberal or very liberal, while 20 percent consider themselves conservative or very conservative. Thirty-one percent of students polled consider themselves as moderate.

Government professor Ronald Rapoport said that the political climate at the College has shifted dramatically during his tenure.

"When I came here in 1976, it was almost two to one for [Republican presidential candidate] Gerald Ford over [Democratic incumbent] Jimmy Carter, so you see quite a change in the political makeup of the campus," Rapoport said.



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Students hold up signs and posters to show support for Sen. Barack Obama in Colonial Williamsburg Monday night.

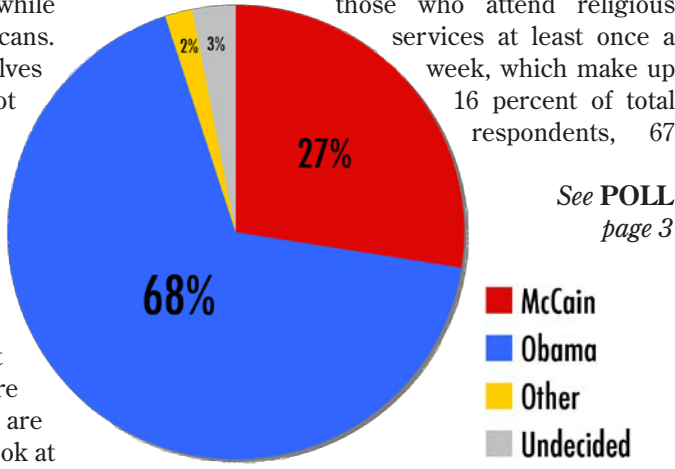
Rapoport attributes this shift to the increasing presence of students from northern Virginia at the College.

When polled on party preference, 51 percent of students classify themselves as Democrats, while 20 percent classify themselves as Republicans. Twenty-four percent do not affiliate themselves with a political party. Among students who do not identify with a party, 62.5 percent plan to vote for Obama, while 26 percent said they will cast their ballot for McCain. Ten percent remain undecided.

"The story line here is that there is not a lot of defection of liberals to McCain or conservatives to Obama, or of Democrats to McCain or Republicans to Obama," Rapoport said. "It is that, at William and Mary, there are simply more liberals than conservatives, there are more Democrats than Republicans, and if you look at

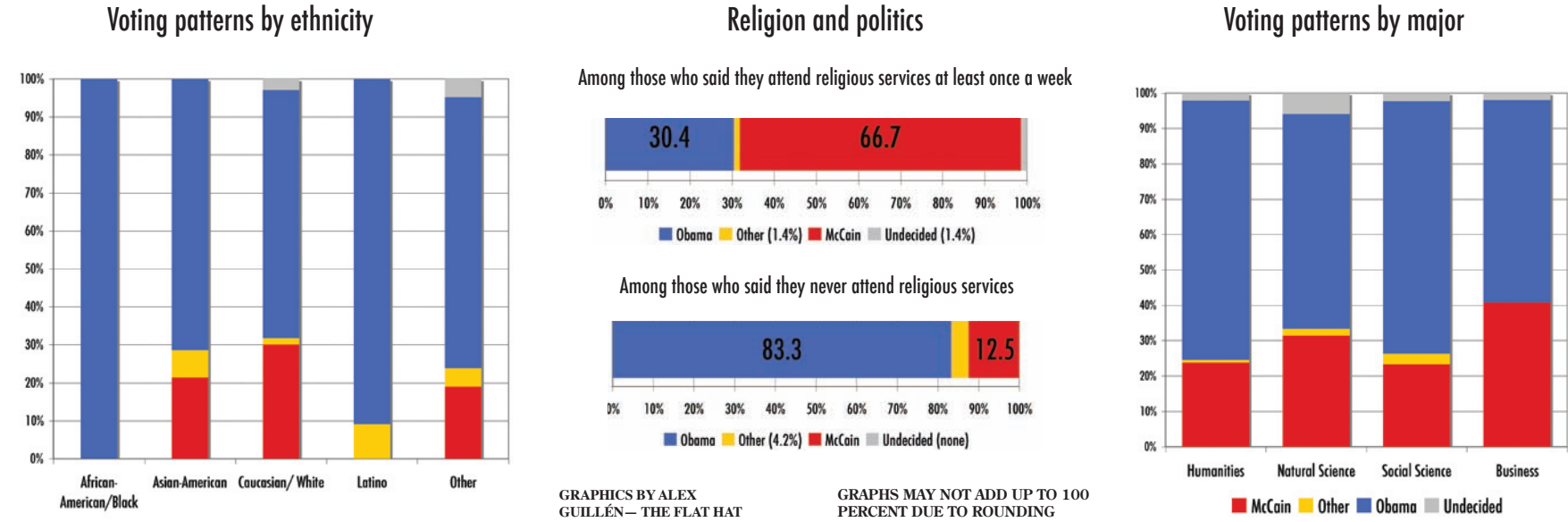
moderates and independents, they split pretty much two to one for Obama."

One area where McCain holds an advantage is with the College's most religious students. Among those who attend religious services at least once a week, which make up 16 percent of total respondents, 67



## ABOUT THE POLL

The Flat Hat's 2008 Election Poll questioned 430 College of William and Mary students online between Oct. 27 and Oct. 31. The students were randomly selected from a list of undergraduate students over the age of 18 and surveys were sent out to 1,250 students via e-mail. The margin of error is ± 5 percent. Turn to page 3 for additional graphs.



## Case laid out for going private

Recent budget cuts cause some to question relationship with state

By BRIAN MAHONEY  
Flat Hat Online Editor

Can the College of William and Mary still afford to be great and public?

That's the question many are asking after Virginia ordered the College to cut 6.6 percent of its operating budget, about \$4.9 million, on top of a \$2.7 million cut in state funding last year.

Budget cuts are nothing new for the College, which has consistently seen its annual state allotment slashed year after year while its endowment lags behind its private peer schools and parts of its infrastructure age beyond repair.

In the 1980s, Virginia provided about 40 percent of the College's operating budget. That percentage has since decreased to roughly 18 percent and — if the current economy is any indication — the cuts may continue into the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

The state's dire financial situation has led some to question whether or not the College would be better off as a private institution, free to raise tuition for in-state students and to generate revenue through more aggressive fundraising rather than increasingly inefficient state lobbying.

"The question of going private comes up from time to time, especially during those times when the commonwealth of Virginia is forced to reduce its support due to declining revenue," Vice President for Finance Sam Jones said. "While it is disruptive when the commonwealth reduces its support, we still appreciate the significant operating and student aid funds we receive in any given year."

But some say that state-supported operating funds are a fraction of what can be gained from going private. Allan Meese, the Ball professor of law at the College's Marshall-Wythe Law School,

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# FBI Director discusses fighting terrorists, joining the bureau

Mueller's talk highlights FBI policy changes since 9/11, opportunities for students to join the FBI

By JESSICA KAHLBERG  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

FBI Director Robert Mueller spoke to students and community members about the changes made to the FBI since Sept. 11, 2001, and opportunities for college students to join the bureau in a talk Friday in the Ewell Recital Hall.

Mueller said the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 sparked major transformations to the FBI, saying that the organization's failure to prevent the attacks caused Americans to change their perception of the bureau.

"Before 9/11, the American people looked to the FBI to bring terrorists to justice," Mueller

said. "But after, the American people didn't look at the FBI to investigate terrorists, but rather to prevent future attacks."

He did not answer political questions.

There were three general changes made to the FBI after the attacks, Mueller said.

"We needed to prioritize our efforts, develop an intelligence capacity and balance preventing additional attacks with ensuring the civil rights of those investigated," he said.

Mueller elaborated on the need for the FBI to prioritize after 9/11, and listed national security, counter-intelligence, cyberattacks and international organized crime

as some of the top issues the bureau is focused on.

The intelligence failure that allowed 9/11 to happen has also been addressed within FBI walls.

"In regards to developing an intelligence capacity, we've been building up domestic intelligence, in particular," Mueller said. "We needed to know who had the potential to commit terrorist attacks."

The third change Mueller discussed was balancing the investigation of potential terrorists while maintaining the rights of American citizens.

"It's sometimes difficult when we're investigating terrorists activities," he said. "Each action you undertake, you will reach a point where you have to draw the line."

Mueller emphasized to students that the FBI looks to recruit from a wide variety of people, as more

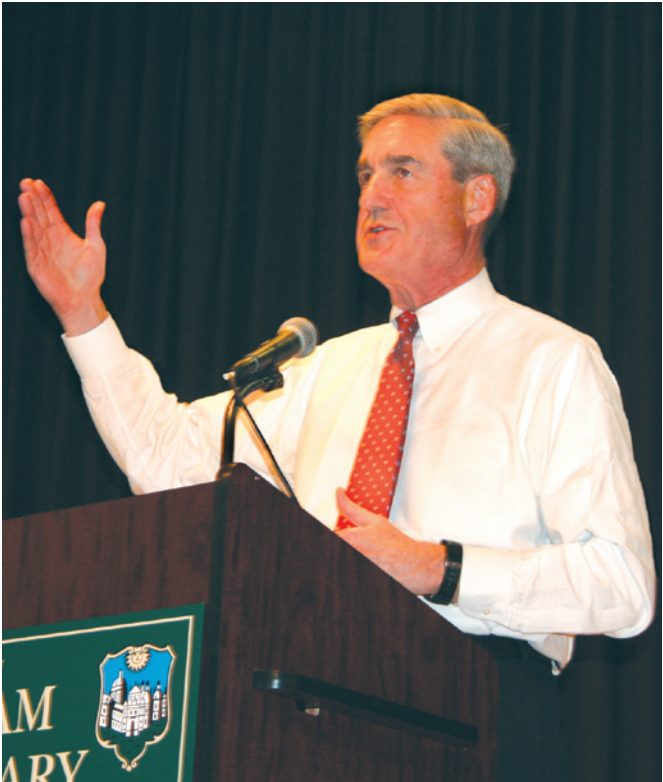
and more cases have global connections to them.

"We seek people from all backgrounds and with all types of skills," he said. "We need these students to address the threats of the future. We live in a globalized world now. I encourage all of you to utilize your skills for the bureau."

Mueller also stressed the usefulness of knowing another language, particularly Chinese or Arabic.

"We have tripled the amount of language specialists since 2001," he said. "We're all struggling with building up language skills. Basically, though, if you speak a Middle Eastern language, have good grades, and want to join the FBI, you have a welcome home."

Alexander Pouille '11, a student in attendance, said he was



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FBI Director Robert Mueller speaks to students at the College.

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Weather

Tuesday




High 64°  
Low 55°

Wednesday



High 66°  
Low 52°

Thursday



High 65°  
Low 51°

Source: www.weather.com

News in brief

College receives grants to establish fellowships

The National Science Foundation and the Department of Education awarded the College of William and Mary nearly \$2 million in grants, which the College will use to found an education fellowship program.

According to a press release, a \$750,000 NSF grant will establish the Noyce Scholars Program at the College of William and Mary. The grant will fund 33 undergraduates and master’s degree-seeking students for five years. The selected students will receive some funding for schooling and access to paid internships. In return, those chosen will teach in public school systems for each year of funding received through the grant.

The Department of Education’s \$1,172,507 grant will fund the Teachers for a Competitive Tomorrow Teaching Fellows Program at the College. It will help generate a new curriculum to enlist more engineering, mathematics, science and technology majors in the field of education. The fellows will teach in public school systems after graduation.

VIMS professor wins Ocean Science Award

Virginia Institute of Marine Science professor Dr. Mark Patterson won the Marine Technology Society’s Lockheed Award for Ocean Science and Engineering.

Patterson is a marine biologist specializing in underwater robotics. His research on how flow affects the metabolism of corals has been published in many marine science textbooks. He is the co-founder of Sias Patterson Incorporated, the first company that designs and manufactures small autonomous underwater vehicles.

The Marine Technology Society was established in 1963 and is composed of technicians, educators and policymakers from around the globe. Patterson has been a member since 1998.

Online-Only Content

To print or not to print?

by Austin Wright

Several Student Assembly members urged The Flat Hat last night not to print today’s article, “City may amend 3-Person ordinance.”

The story stemmed from a document provided to the newspaper by a source under the condition of anonymity. It was a proposal dated Oct.

By the Numbers

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The number of Electoral College votes awarded to the state of Ohio. According to CNN, Republican presidential candidate John McCain cannot win the presidency without carrying Ohio. The state went Republican in the last two elections.

2 percent

Democratic Presidential candidate Barack Obama’s lead in Florida, according to the latest CNN poll. The state is worth 27 Electoral College votes. The last Democratic presidential nominee to win Florida was Bill Clinton in 1996.


12 a.m.

When voters in Dixville Notch, NH began voting early this morning. It is 15 out of 21 for Obama. New Hampshire is worth 4 electoral votes.

— by Maggie Reeb


STREET BEAT

What were you for Halloween this year?




“Thing one and thing two.”

Sydney Tafiri ’11 and  
Laura Conte ’12




“I was Mulan.”

Amanda Smith ’09



“Nothing. I was at a conference.”

William Anes ’09



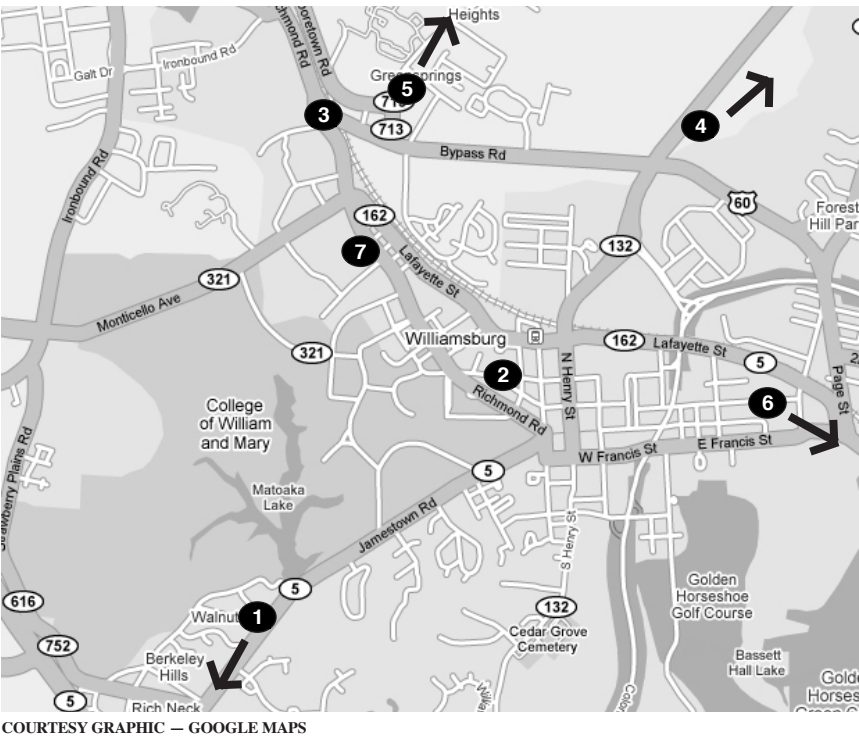
“I was a fireman.”

Bryan Terrill ’09

— photos and interviews by Maral Noori-Moghaddan and Maggie Reeb

CITY POLICE BEAT

Oct. 28 to Nov. 2



COURTESY GRAPHIC — GOOGLE MAPS

**Tuesday, Oct. 28** — A 44-year-old male was arrested on the 1100 block of Jamestown Rd. for allegedly driving with a revoked license with a BAC of at least .02 and providing fake information to law enforcement. **1**

**Thursday, Oct. 30** — A 46-year-old male was arrested on the 700 block of Scotland St. for allegedly being drunk in public. **2**

**Saturday, Nov. 1** — An 18-year-old male was arrested on the 200 block of New Hope Rd. for alleged underage possession and for being drunk in public. **3**

— An 18-year-old male was arrested on the 100 block of Merrimac Tr. for allegedly driving with a suspended license. **4**

— A 23-year-old female was arrested on Airport Road for allegedly driving under the influence. **5**

**Sunday, Nov. 2** — A 31-year-old female was arrested on Penniman Road for allegedly driving with a suspended license. **6**

— A 34-year-old female was arrested on the 1200 block of Richmond Rd. for allegedly being drunk in public. **7**

— compiled by Bertel King

College papers go for Obama 66-2

By ALEX GUILLÉN  
Flat Hat News Editor

If college newspaper endorsements determined election results, Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama would win, hands down.

Of the 68 college and university newspapers to endorse a presidential candidate — including The Flat Hat — all but two endorsed Obama over Republican presidential candidate John McCain, according to Editor & Publisher, a newspaper trade publication.

The Flat Hat’s editorial board endorsed Obama last Tuesday, along with Democratic Senatorial candidate Mark Warner and Democratic Congressional candidate Bill Day.

Student newspapers from Harvard University, Cornell University, Duke University, the University of South Carolina, the University of Texas-Austin and Amherst College were among those that endorsed Obama.

Of the 66 college newspapers to endorse Obama, 44 belonged to public universities.

The two newspapers that endorsed McCain were the University of Mississippi’s Daily Mississippian and The Criterion at Mesa State College in Colorado. Both schools are public.

The only other Virginia student newspaper to endorse a candidate was the Mace and Crown at Old Dominion University.

Nationally, McCain fared better among professional newspapers, although the majority still endorsed the Democrat.

Obama has received 273 professional newspaper endorsements, according to Editor & Publisher, but only one out of 11 Virginia newspapers have chosen to endorse the senator.

McCain received 142 professional newspaper endorsements and 10 Virginia newspaper endorsements, including The Daily Press and the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Obama again wins in a circulation comparison; the newspapers endorsing McCain total a circulation of approximately 7.5 million while those endorsing Obama total a circulation of over 22 million.

SA passes election legislation

By MASON WATSON  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The Student Assembly senate considered a last-minute funding request from the Students for the Innocence Project as well as two bills related to the upcoming election at the SA meeting Tuesday night.

The Students for the Innocence Project, an organization from the Marshall-Wythe Law School, requested \$1,600 to help fund a symposium featuring several wrongfully convicted criminals. Two law students presented the request, arguing that the event would generate positive press for the College while advancing a worthy cause.

The senate was, for the most part, receptive, though several senators voiced concerns about the exact sum to be granted.

“I think it’s really weird that we’re voting on an allocation and we don’t have any line items in front of us,” Sen. Matt Beato ’09 said. “I don’t even really feel comfortable voting on this now.”

Sen. Steven Nelson ’10 said the senate should not base its decision entirely on the event’s financing, noting that the SA has substantial monetary reserves.

“From what I understand, the roll over from semester to semester is huge. So I think that the last thing we should worry about is money,” Nelson said. “It’s not like a huge amount of money. Its money we wouldn’t have spent anyways.”

The senate approved the funding request 16-3-1.

In other business, the senate voted on the Room Reservation Deposits Online Act, the Election Day Act, and the President Election Day Outreach Act.

The Room Reservation Deposits Online Act, sponsored by Sen. Ben Brown ’11, seeks to ease the room reservation deposit process by allowing students to pay online, rather than delivering the payment in person to the Bursar’s Office. The bill itself does not allocate any funds for this purpose, but instead “encourages” the College to implement such a system. The bill passed unanimously.

The Election Day Act, sponsored by Sens. Ross Gillingham ’10, Sarah Rojas ’10, Brown and Brittany Fallon ’11, acknowledges the large number of student voters in Williamsburg and encourages professors to cancel their classes Nov. 4, Election Day.

The bill also advocates that classes falling on future presidential election days be canceled by the Dean of Students Office directly, thereby allowing students full access to the polls. The bill included a letter expressing its intent to be delivered to various administrators and professors.

The President Election Day Outreach Act, sponsored by the Senate Outreach Committee as a whole, allocates up to \$1,000 for 3,000 “Hark Upon the Ballot Box” stickers for distribution at the polls on Election Day. The bill also will fund the distribution of apple cider to voters waiting at the polls.

The bill was heard on Tuesday due to its time sensitivity and was passed with unanimous consent.

The SA will not meet on Election Day. The next SA meeting will be held Nov. 11.

Pros and cons of privatization

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says that the mandated — and relatively low — in-state tuition is hurting the College’s finances and making it less competitive.

“Right now there is an artificial ceiling on what we charge 65 percent of our students,” Meese said, referring to the majority of Virginian College students who pay reduced tuition. “If we were private, there would be no such thing as ‘in-state tuition.’ We would charge all students the same tuition, presumably what we are currently charging out of state students.”

So, all students at a private William and Mary potentially would pay as much as \$39,600 a year, which is the current out-of-state rate.

Doing so, according to Meese, would generate an added \$70 million in revenue for the College, which is more than 1.5 times what the state grants the College annually.

The numbers might sound appealing, but some at the College have concerns about how privatizing the College would affect access and the role of the public institution in American society.

“I believe in public higher education,” College Provost Geoff Feiss said. “I just believe that public higher education is a social good, and as a social good the society should pay for it.”

Feiss doubts the College’s financial ability to go private without a significant tuition increase, especially due to its relatively small endowment of \$586 million.

“If you were to replace the state funds with interest on endowment, the College would need [a] \$1 billion endowment,” Feiss said.

Feiss said that the College is in the midst of one of the largest building booms in College history, which has been supported in large part by the commonwealth. He said that the new school of education, the Integrated Science Center, the law school library and the upcoming renovation of Tucker Hall — a building infamous for its disrepair — are all state-funded.

Both Jones and Feiss said that there is little incentive for Virginia to give up ownership over the oldest public higher education institution in the country.

“The College cannot ‘unilaterally disarm,’” Jones said. “That is, we cannot just declare ourselves private. The state would have to allow us to go private and it is not clear why they would consider such a change.”

Feiss agreed.

“Why would the commonwealth want to let us go?” Feiss asked. “They’re proud of William and Mary.”

Meese argues that the commonwealth has a large incentive to free itself of the College’s financial burden. He proposes a “win-win” trade between the College and Virginia in which the state allows the College to keep its land and buildings while reducing its annual appropriations to \$0.



# Zeidler: Town-gown relations at all-time high

**By MILES HILDER**  
*Flat Hat News Editor*

According to some city and student leaders, town and gown relations are at an all-time high.

Williamsburg Mayor Jeanne Zeidler, Williamsburg Director of Human Services Peter Walentisch and College of William and Mary Student Assembly President Valerie Hopkins '09 took part in a panel Wednesday night, discussing student involvement in service and civic engagement in Williamsburg.

The dialogue was part of a civic lecture series hosted by the Office of Student Services and was designed to familiarize students with opportunities to work

and volunteer beyond campus walls. SA Undersecretary for Public Affairs for Williamsburg Dave Johnson '09 moderated the discussion.

Citing the multitude of organizations and charities with which College students regularly volunteer and a willingness between city officials and College students to work together to solve important issues facing Williamsburg, Zeidler was confident in her assertion of strong town-gown cooperation.

"Five or 10 years ago, there was no dialogue, and problems were all brushed under the surface," Zeidler said. "That doesn't do anybody any good. Now I think we have great vehicles to talk to each other, we have issues that are out on

the table, and we have a determination to try to find resolution to those issues."

Walentisch highlighted city programs and services, which he said run from "birth through old age," as excellent opportunities for College students to get involved in the community. These programs allow students to tutor elementary school children, mentor high school students and assist the elderly.

Hopkins echoed Zeidler's statements by drawing attention to recent efforts made by the city to accommodate College students through an improved Williamsburg city website and a new pilot program entitled Peak Democracy, designed to provide students and community members with a forum in which

to discuss city issues.

"This new Peak Democracy program lets you engage from the comfort of your own dorm room, your house. From anywhere you want, you can log on, there's an online forum, and you can discuss your opinion on any matter," Hopkins said.

Hopkins also discussed an online update feature that allows students to request newsletters about the city's efforts on a number of fronts including the environment, trash collection and neighborhood issues.

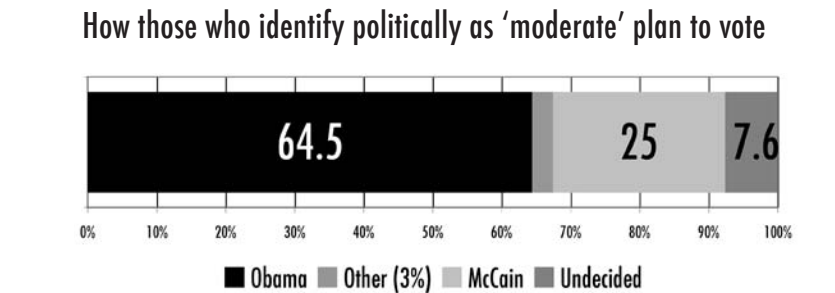
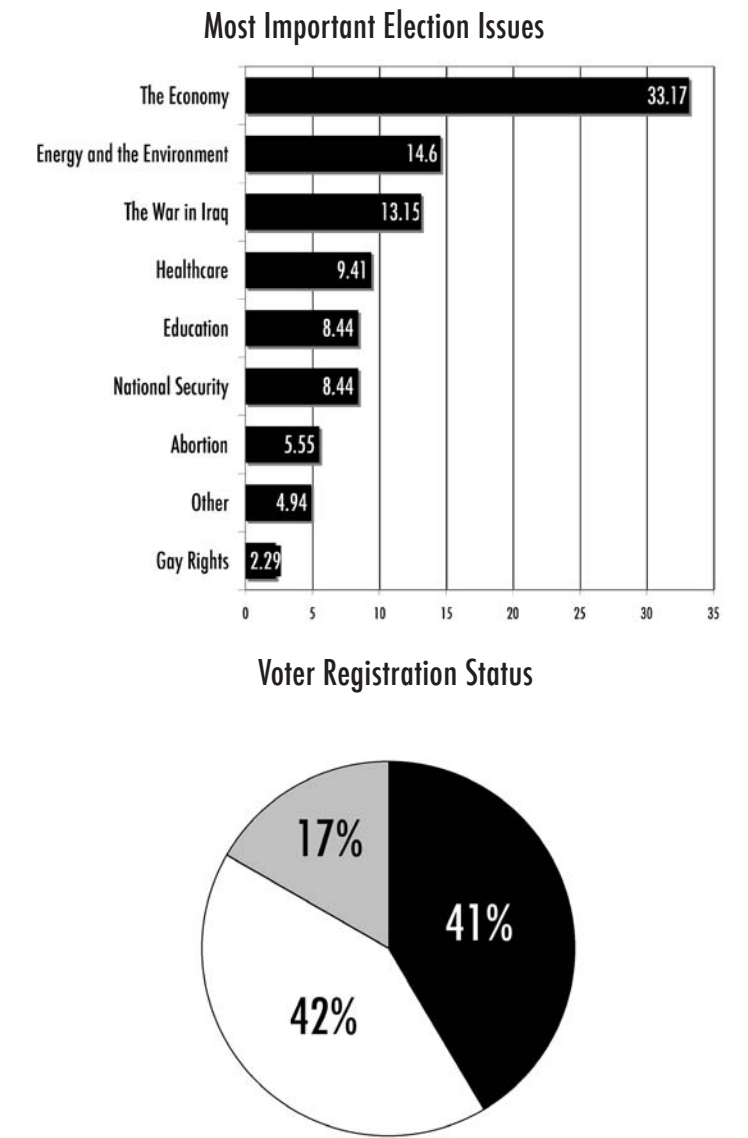
Zeidler made special mention of College students who volunteer as emergency medical technicians for the Williamsburg Fire Department, saying

that on occasion more than half of the city's EMTs have been students. She also cited a joint study conducted by the College's Sharpe Scholars Program and the city of Williamsburg which recorded Williamsburg houses occupied by students to create a database to assist future students who wished to live off campus.

Recently, the SA and the city have been working on an amendment to the oft-debated three-person rule, another sign that the town-gown relationship is stronger than meets the eye.

"I think this is an illusion that [the city and the College] don't have a positive relationship," Hopkins said. "I think there are so many instances where it just doesn't get written about."

## Student body leans left, poll says



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percent support McCain and 30 percent support Obama.

22 percent of total respondents claimed never to attend religious services and plan to vote for Obama over McCain 83 percent to 12.5 percent.

"The religiosity factor is something that is often missed," Rapoport said. "The effect is not as strong as ideology or party, but it is certainly a lot stronger than gender and income."

When broken down by gender, Obama holds a greater advantage among women than men. Seventy-two percent of female respondents support Obama while 22 percent support McCain. Four percent remain undecided. The gap between the two candidates is significantly closer among men, as 60 percent of men surveyed favor Obama while 37 percent favor McCain, with 2 percent

undecided.

The 12-percentage-point gap between male and female support for Obama is significantly higher than the 7-percent gap reported in the most recent national Gallup poll. This is an interesting deviation from the national norm that shows College students are not as homogenous in their political views as may be expected.

The most striking results of the campus poll is the extraordinary high number of students registered to vote. In all, 41.5 percent of respondents are registered to vote in Williamsburg, while 41.75 percent are registered elsewhere in Virginia. Students who will vote absentee for another state constitute 16.75 percent of respondents. The high level of student registration in Williamsburg may be attributed to increased efforts by campus organizations to register as many students as possible.

## FBI director talks terrorism, security

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generally impressed by the speech and pleased that the College was able to bring Mueller to the William and Mary campus, but was disappointed he couldn't answer political questions.

"It's really special that we were able to have an important, high-profile speaker... you don't have this kind of opportunity everyday," Pouille said. "There were some questions I wished he wouldn't have dodged, but I guess it's understandable with the election coming up."

Mueller said regardless of which candidate wins the election, either administration will have to focus on terrorism and the mortgage crisis, as well as promote law enforcement.

He concluded his talk with a focus on the key issues the FBI focuses on today, which included counter-terrorism, white-collar mortgage fraud, and

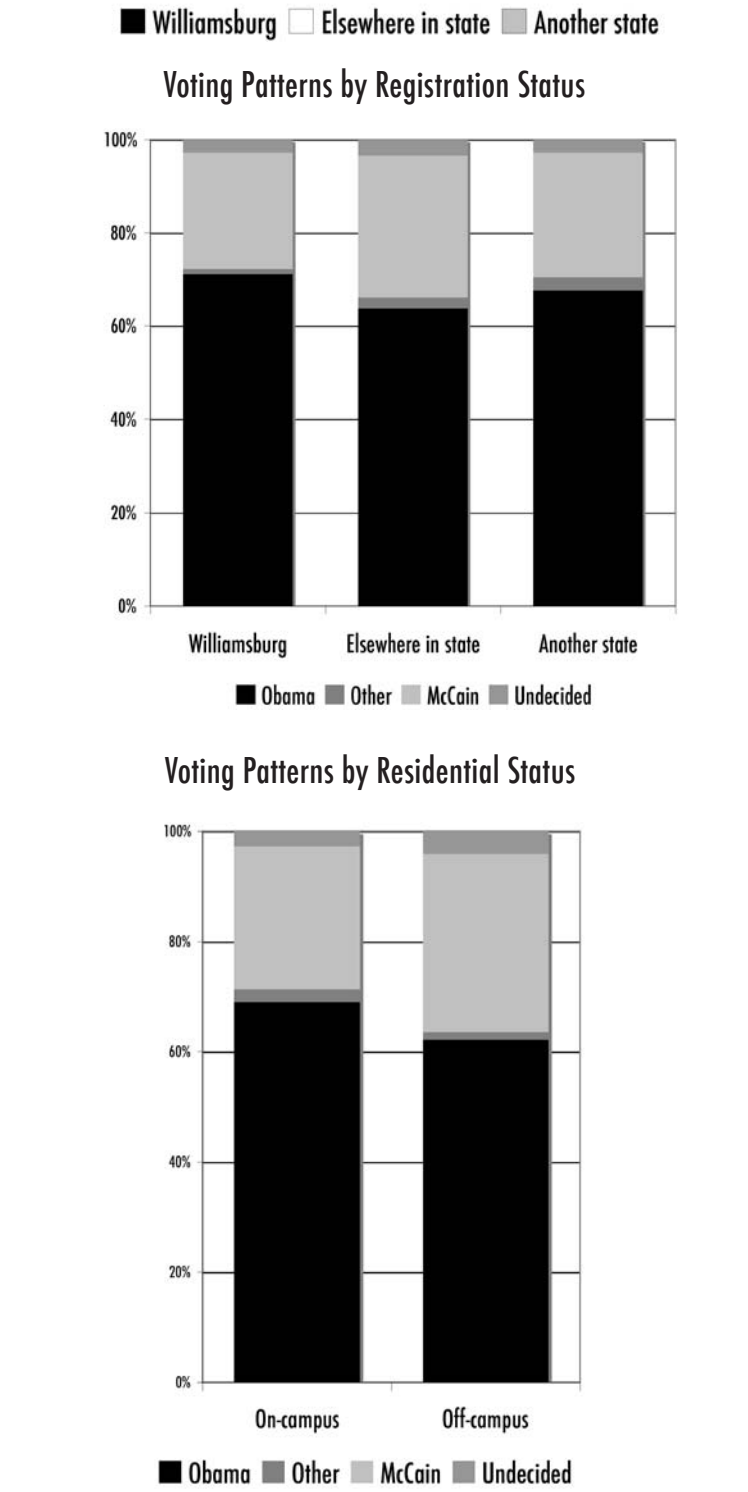
violent crime.

For counter-terrorism, Mueller highlighted the measures the FBI has taken to combat terrorism.

"We're safer today than we were before 9/11," he said. "We've established joint terrorism task forces, and have joined federal with local and state forces. The work of the CIA with the FBI has also helped in identifying the operational hierarchy of Al-Qaeda. Our over-arching concern is to deprive Al-Qaeda of a sanctuary."

Mueller also emphasized the danger to the United States of the possibility of terrorist attacks in Europe.

"We cannot think that an attack in Europe does not mean that there won't be an attack on us next," he said. "Because there is no Visa needed from Europe to the U.S., if a terrorist gets into Europe, they're just an e-ticket away from JFK or another big airport."



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STAFF EDITORIAL

The end of election mania

Right now, you're probably sitting over some casserole in the Caf, your noodle-laden fork suspended between plate and mouth. Here at least, you thought you were safe from the sign-waving, sandwich-board-wearing voter-turnout machine. Our apologies. We hate to disappoint. But if you haven't voted already, you should. Several hours remain.

Almost every estimate shows that turnout for this year's election will shatter records. Virginia alone has registered 400,000 new voters, the largest jump in its history.

Voting rolls here in Williamsburg exploded in the last year after new rules allowed students to register. More than 1,700 of them did so, and according to the front page poll in today's issue, about 95

*We can say without fear of hyperbole that the entire world waits to see how the election will end – tonight.*

percent of students have already voted or will vote today. That's astonishingly high, but maybe we should have expected it for this election.

We also appreciate the hard work of our Student Assembly

to make it as easy as possible for students to both register and vote. Many of them are working long hours today at the polls. We thank them for their exhaustive efforts to make voting in Williamsburg not just possible but mindlessly easy. Their coordination of transportation between the polls and various locations on campus provides countless options.

Students have no excuse not to vote.

Around the country, the story is much the same, contributing to a climate of electric enthusiasm a notch above the typical election fever. Something has voters all a-roil, and it's difficult to place a name to it. Election mania, perhaps. An election frenzy? Whatever you call it, we can say without fear of hyperbole that the entire world waits to see how it will end. Tonight.

We invite you to call up some friends, flip on the TV and watch history unfold. The latest poll data indicates that Sen. Barack Obama will become the 44th president of the United States, the first black man to do so. Wolf Blitzer and the rest of the gang likely will remind us of that tonight, but it's worth remembering just what an accomplishment it is.

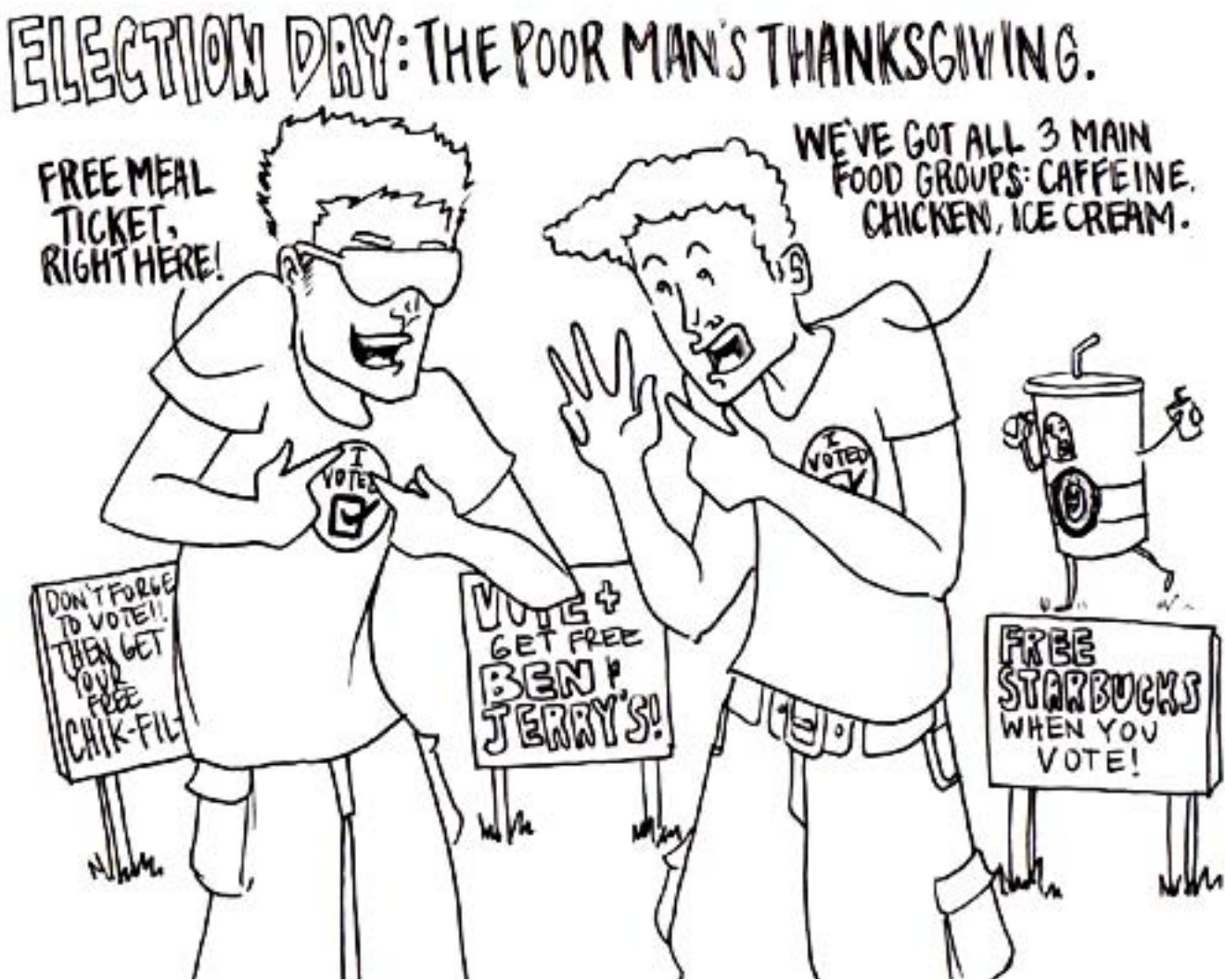
Moreover, after twice handing George W. Bush the presidency with little or no effort on his part, Virginia has a good chance to go blue for the first time since 1964 — just a year before Congress passed the Voting Rights Act to end discrimination at the polls. Regardless of which candidate ends up taking Virginia's 13 electoral votes, it's great to see our great state matter again in a presidential election.

So tonight's the night: a welcome conclusion to two long years of campaigning, a conclusion likely to make history.

We hope you've voted and made yourself a part of it. And yes, you can go back to your casserole now.

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By VICKY CHAO, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

City ordinance discourages student renters

Alexa McClanahan

FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



It's barely November, but an e-mail about spring registration and hearing about my roommates' plans to study abroad this summer have made my rooming situation for next year seem scarily close. My hall bathroom, with its overflowing trash can and temperamental showerheads, has already gotten old, and living in an overcrowd has made personal space a thing of the past. Living off-campus is an idea with increasing appeal.

House parties and an escape from Caf food also make off-campus living an exciting thought. However, the recent coverage of the three-person housing rule has thrown a kink in what seemed to be a perfect plan. I always considered the three-person rule an example of outdated and out-of-touch town-gown relations, but not one that particularly pertained to my life. But between my dad's horror stories about the economy and slightly desperate pleas to my friends to not all study abroad in the same semester, having to share a house with only two other people may place my perfect plan out of reach.

I still have several months, but the pace of change in Williamsburg makes me worried about how effective talks about amending the three-person rule will really be. The Flat Hat's Oct. 28 article "City May Amend 3-person Ordinance" noted that the proposal to amend the rule was tentative, and "months from being voted on by the City Council, if ever." Though the Student Assembly and the City Council have been talking for weeks, this is the first I've heard of a substantive plan to change the ordinance, and several questions still come to mind.

SA President Valerie Hopkins '09 said that "ideally, we'd like to have the number of bedrooms, plus one, but we understand that we're going to have to compromise." Though admittedly better than the three-person rule, allowing four to a house still excludes larger groups of students who may have tried to get a block on campus, or those attempting to rent a bigger home. This makes renting a house near campus more problematic than finding apartments farther away, even tough being nearby would be convenient and keep students close to the College community.

In addition, several of my friends living off-campus this year have gloated that they're actually paying less than they would on-campus. However, the gloomy economy and fluctuating gas prices make splitting rent a necessity. Allowing only three people to live in a four-bedroom home makes no sense for the owner or for the renters.

Who are we kidding, anyway? Students have and will continue to violate the three-person rule as long as the rule puts them at a disadvantage. Recognizing and perhaps working such a realization into the discussion would make the amendment both more viable and more likely to ease the relationship between the College and the city.

I, for one, have already experienced the spectrum of trauma living in campus housing can cause. From getting bumped at the end of last year and scrambling to find an alternative to camping out in the Sunken Garden for nine months, to watching in slight horror as my room in the Bryan Complex gradually flooded earlier this year, living in the dorms can be frustrating and anything but homey. I wouldn't mind an actual bedroom, a real kitchen or a way to avoid awkward conversations among my friends about who will live with whom next year.

An amendment to the three-person rule would open a more realistic discussion between Williamsburg and the students who call it home.

Alexa McClanahan is a sophomore at the College.

*Students will continue to violate the three-person rule as long as the rule puts them at a disadvantage.*

Nichol presidency: Still open to debate on and off campus

Alexander Ely

FLAT HAT CHIEF STAFF WRITER



Gene Nichol's controversial tenure as president of the College of William and Mary has ended, but it remains painfully clear that the controversy is far from over.

Two articles recently published in the William and Mary Law Review analyzed the Wren cross issue from a legal perspective, one siding with Nichol's decision and the other opposing it. Both articles conclude that although the Wren cross debate became national news because of the always-interesting clash between church and state, it would not set any legal precedent. One of the authors, University of California-Irvine Law School Dean Erwin Chemerinsky, told The Flat Hat that "the controversy is a powerful reminder that there are many who do not believe in a wall separating church and state."

Then there's Nichol himself, who, despite declining multiple interview requests from The Flat Hat, doesn't seem too shy about sounding off

from his quiet exile in Chapel Hill, N.C. In the most recent issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education, Nichol wrote a book review that referenced his time at the College, including statements on the negative campaign mounted against him. "I've seen at close hand the impact that battling bloggers, right-wing donors, fevered Fox News firebrands, demagogic legislators and trustees unschooled in and uncommitted to the core values of a university can have upon a presidency and an institution," he wrote. "They are nothing to scoff at."

Following these stories, the debate continued on The Flat Hat's website, as supporters and critics of Nichol returned to their former perches, trading barbs like it was 2007. Even former ShouldNicholBeRenewed.org spokesman Jim Jones '82 made an appearance.

Why are people still talking about this? Because there's still a lot to be said.

Let's rewind to November of 2007. Gene Nichol is in serious trouble. The Wren Cross issue continues to snowball after an e-mail sent to Nichol from his predecessor, Timothy J. Sullivan '66, seems to indicate that Nichol knew of James McGlothlin's '62 J.D. '64 intention to revoke a \$12

million pledge to the College. The major implication of this e-mail is the possibility that Nichol had announced the successful completion of the Campaign for William & Mary's \$500 million goal in February knowing that McGlothlin's decision would put the College below that plateau. There are voices from the blogosphere and conservative campus publications calling him a liar and demanding his resignation.

*As long as there is still interest in the Wren cross or the controversy it brewed, the College will not be able to simply move on.*

On Nov. 15, the five members of The Flat Hat's editorial board, myself included, meet with Nichol in an upstairs room of his office in the Brafferton. We are desperately trying to get to the bottom of the story, knowing that we shouldn't jump the gun before all the information becomes available, as many others did. Nichol seems tired, distraught and angry all at the same time,

and it is a very emotional meeting. He explains to us that he had not understood Sullivan's e-mail, that he thought the former president was referring to a different pledge. He refuses to comment on his past relationship with McGlothlin, which we understand to be anything but amicable. He won't say much about his relationship with Sullivan. The constitutional lawyer gives his best defense to the jury.

I can't speak for the other four members of the editorial board at the time, but I knew right then that Nichol was on his way out. Worse still, I could tell that he also knew this. The personal attacks were certainly taking a toll on him, and he was doing his best to deflect them by spinning the cycle of events to his advantage. It was hard to know whom to believe.

The tragedy of the last two years was not what happened, but how it happened, and how the College has responded. The crisis was allowed to carry on for over a year. Many people hated Nichol and what he stood for, and used the Wren cross, the Sex Workers' Art Show, and any other issue they could get their hands on — even his physical appearance — to belittle him. Nichol in turn left the campus with an

incredibly harmful e-mail to students and faculty, one that hurled accusation and blame on almost everyone, but for the most part refused to acknowledge his own mistakes in causing and continuing the crisis.

The College has responded by sweeping everything under the rug. Taylor Reveley was quickly installed as the president of the College. For the purposes of fundraising and healing, they want everybody to forget about Nichol and his controversies.

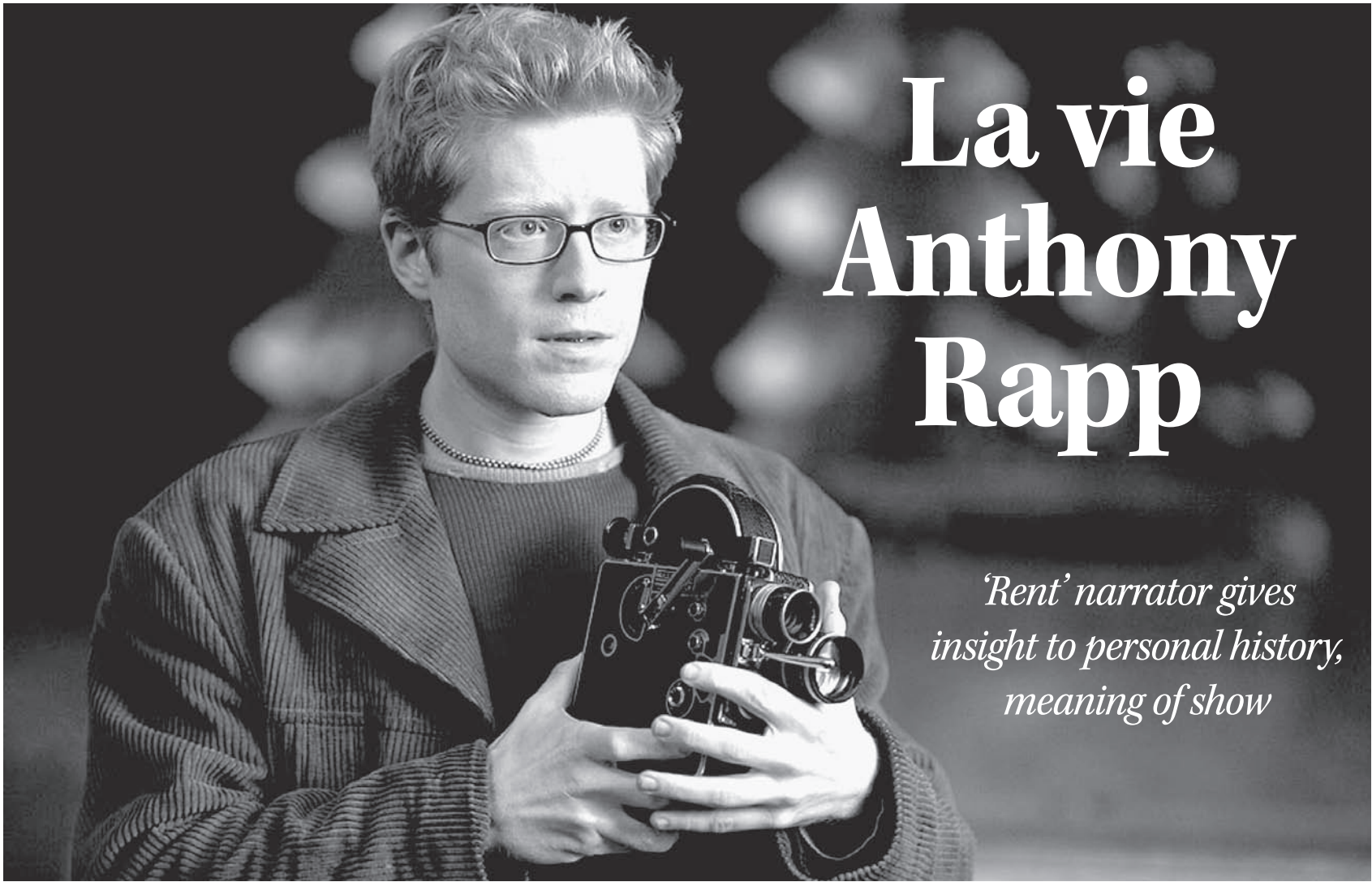
But that won't happen. As long as there is still interest in the Wren cross or the controversy it brewed, the College will not be able to simply move on and treat the whole incident as if it never occurred. As long as there are still articles being written in national publications, or books being authored that examine the politicization of higher education or the blurring of the line between church and state, the College's name will always be brought up.

Until there is an impartial and comprehensive study of the events of the past several years, there will be many questions that remain unanswered, and many wounds that remain unhealed.

Alexander Ely is a senior at the College.



ARTS ON CAMPUS



COURTESY PHOTOS — MOVIEWEB.COM  
[Top] Anthony Rapp plays Mark Cohen, a struggling filmmaker living in New York City. “Rent” follows the stories of Cohen and his friends as they struggle with issues such as poverty and living with AIDS. [Bottom] Cohen dances with Joanne Jefferson (Tracie Thoms) during the musical number “The Tango: Maureen” in the film.

By **CLAIRE ELLERY**  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

The first scene in “Rent” said that ... 525,600 minutes can measure a year; seasons of love can measure a life. But what can measure the chance to meet the original Mark Cohen of “Rent”? Tomorrow, Anthony Rapp, who played Mark Cohen, the narrator and disillusioned Bohemian in the original Broadway production and film version of “Rent” will give an answer. In an interview with The Flat Hat Rapp characterized his time with “Rent” as a positive experience driven by making theatre more relevant to young people. A story about struggling New Yorkers and their love lives, “Rent” addresses the often-silenced hardships of AIDS, poverty, drug addiction and sexuality. Its controversial topics and rock-opera musical numbers have made it one of the most successful plays of the last two decades. Rapp’s book, “Without You: A Memoir of Love, Loss, and the Musical ‘Rent,’” portrays his experience with the hit production. He writes about the show’s beginning, dealing with the death of “Rent’s” creator, Jonathan Larson,

and the loss of his mother to cancer. Rapp said “Rent’s” unique quality was a result of Larson’s passion. “[He] was very driven by the n o t i o n of making theater relevant to young people again. It happened with ‘Rent,’ and it’s been a great privilege of my life to be a part of it.” Since his book’s release in 2006, Rapp has traveled to schools to talk about his memories of with Larson and the initial history of “Rent.” “It’s very conversational and not presentational,” Rapp said. “People tend to have strong personal relationship[s] to [‘Rent’], and questions range. “It’s the greatest gift to be part of a show that tells a story that’s important to tell, and that’s about characters and themes that aren’t often told, with incredible music,” Rapp said. “It’s so much more than entertainment. It has real

profound meaning for people.” Although Rapp says he’s not being any sort of motivational speaker, the inspirational nature of “Rent” gives a motivational tinge to Rapp’s presentation. “I’ve been working since I’ve been a kid as a professional, and [I] believe in the power of young people,” Rapp said. “I like to dispute that real life doesn’t begin until you’re older. So it provides inspiration but it’s so tied into all of the things of ‘Rent.’ I’m not a motivational speaker; it’s just the nature of the speech.” Rapp receives frequent invitations to speak at colleges across the country. “I feel a sort of responsibility to Jonathan and ‘Rent’ to carry on the legacy of it. It’s just an honor and a privilege.” After “Rent” closed



BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Dealing with the awkward November morning after

**Maya Horowitz**  
FLAT HAT SEX COLUMNIST



Ah, the first column of November. Thank heaven the awkwardness of October has passed. October has the mixed pleasures of both Homecoming and Halloween: two occasions during which members of our campus consume copious amounts of alcohol and become (how can I put this delicately?) drunken, horny buffoons. The drunken hookup is one of the most dangerous avenues on the sexual roadmap. It is fraught with cock blocks, issues of consent, slippery vomit trails, STI avalanches and the dreaded whiskey dick. Luckily, it’s November and we’re past all the drunken debauchery. November is October’s morning after. But the morning after a drunken hookup can be equally as uncomfortable as the night before, if not more so. So how do you handle the situation? Let me answer that question with another question: How do porcupines mate? The answer, to both, is very, very carefully. **Scenario 1:** You drank to the point of oblivion the night before and do not even remember the hookup. You wake up to find a random person in bed with you. Before stirring, take a good look around you. Are there any clues as to what happened last night? For instance, if you’re naked and there’s a used condom on the floor, it’s safe to assume you went all the way. Scan your body for any soreness, bruises or scratches. Try to remember everything that you can about the person next to you.



GRAPHIC BY OLIVIA WALCH

The situation is incredibly delicate. Even if you never plan on seeing this person again, etiquette is still a necessity (because on our campus of 5,000 students, running into one of them is not unlikely). When getting up from bed, do not intentionally wake your partner. If, and when he or she does wake up, smile and be cordial. Remember that they probably feel as awkward as you do. Humor can often break some of the tension. You may see this person around campus. Smile. It may be safe to say

that he or she hangs around the same places as you since you found each other that one drunken night. But just because you hooked up once doesn’t mean you have to pretend to be old friends or, on the other extreme, ignore each other. **Scenario 2:** You were drunk last night but not too drunk to realize that you were hooking up with someone that you’ve been eying for a while now. You

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CONFUSION CORNER

Selling out to rise above the crash

**Brad Clark**  
FLAT HAT CONFUSION  
CORNER COLUMNIST



Just the other day, I was shocked to discover that the United States (and thus the state of Virginia, and thus the College of William and Mary) has run into a significant budgetary crisis. Forgive me for being behind the times — I promise that as a responsible journalist I flip back and forth between “The Daily Show” and “Jeopardy” on most Tuesday and Thursday nights, so as to keep up with current events. But it’s been tough lately, what with the “Kids’ Tournament” being so good for my self esteem. It’s also tough for those of us who earn the lavish salaries of the unpaid college columnist. We spend most of our time yachting, indulging in a steady flow of sex and drugs, and burning hundred-dollar bills by the bucketful. (You have to lose money to make money, or so I’ve been told.) But hearing about the financial crisis disturbed me; I felt for those students who — lacking free access to columnist-only Swedish massage parlors and reputation-crushing secrets about a majority of the College’s Bursar’s Office personnel (through astounding feats of journalistic skill) — would have to cut corners in these tough times. Intending to act out of great compassion (and then brag about it in this column) I decided to solve this crisis that looms ever so irritatingly over our heads. And so I did. The answer, my dear friends, is simple: product placement.

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GIRL TALK SLATED TO SPIN AT THE COLLEGE

Girl Talk, stage name of Gregg Gillis, an American music producer and mashup DJ, will perform in the Chesapeake Room in the Saddler Center on Feb. 27. The show is “part of [UCAB’s] campaign this year to bring new genres of music while appealing to different groups of students across campus,” according to music committee chair Sean O’Mealia ’09. — Jessica Gold

CAPSULE REVIEW

4:13 DREAM THE CURE

★★★★☆

Fans of The Cure know that with another election year comes another album. Their last endeavor, the 2004 self-titled release, was a heavy, lopsided creation held together more by raw emotion than by solid chord progressions. The end result of the album was an unpleasant mess that looked like the curtains for The Cure. Nevertheless, on certain dark and stormy nights, the band is still strangely affecting, even if we’re left reaching for the black eyeliner. With their latest release, “4:13 Dream,” The Cure is comfortably back in its niche of melancholy music soaked in nostalgia and tears. The first track, “Underneath the Stars,” sets the stage for the album by opening with the same delicate, metallic noises of “Pictures of You.” The album follows the same basic trajectory, delivering song after song of revamped ’80s-inspired reminiscence. Here, “4:13 Dream” falls into an unfortunate predicament by attempting to recreate the music of the band’s past; The Cure unintentionally juxtaposes its latest album with its greatest hits album. Sadly, “4:13 Dream” fails by no fault of its own — the tracks are catchy and, in some cases, genuinely beautiful. The highlight of the album, “Sirensong,” tells of an acidic but inescapable relationship: “Give me your life / Or I must fly away / And you will never hear this song again,” frontman Robert Smith bemoans. While this song represents the best of “4:13 Dream,” it is still defined by The Cure’s past canon. Though enjoyable on its own, when compared to the hits of previous decades, it falls short of expectations. The similarities between albums force an unfair comparison in which the old songs are just too good for the new ones to leave an impression. As the latest addition to The Cure’s discography, “4:13 Dream” is a younger sibling frantically fumbling in the footsteps of an older, more beloved brother. Though marred by an unfair comparison to previous hits, on grey, mist-blurred mornings, “4:13 Dream” still offers a moving, albeit second-hand, experience.

— by Virginia Butler



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The Cure’s frontman Robert Smith performs live on stage.




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# Avoid chugging and hugging

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wake up and immediately become concerned about the stench of your breath, the untidiness of your hair and the quality of your performance the night before.

Relax. Smooth your hair, wipe away excess makeup and swirl some saliva in your mouth to try and fix the morning breath problem. If loving words were exchanged the night before, run through them in your head and try to evaluate if the alcohol created the sentiments or just allowed them to be spoken.

Wake up the other person. If you think there’s a chance of round two, wake them up with a kiss. If you feel bold, wake them up with an excited “good morning” or a shove. If you’re unsure, just get up and “accidentally” hit something and make it drop, “inadvertently” causing a loud sound.

Here’s the tough part of the situation: the talk. It’s unavoidable. Ease into it with politeness and humor, as in scenario one. Perhaps invite your partner to breakfast. Whatever you do, make sure that before you go, words are exchanged. I don’t mean that you have to define the relationship at this point, just get a sense of where all parties involved stand.

**Scenario 3:** You wake up and immediately regret the night before. You did something drunk, that you would not have done sober. Examples include having performed a homosexual act (if you identify as heterosexual), having hooked up with someone you shouldn’t have (an ex, your best friend’s girl), or not having used protection.

First, you need to consider why you acted the way that you did the night before. Have you always secretly wanted to have lesbian sex but never had the courage to do so? With an example like that, chances are you need to rethink your sexual identity. The same applies if you were drunkenly slurring phrases like “ride me, big boy.” Try your best not to be

embarrassed in these cases. You didn’t do anything wrong; alcohol revealed a side of you that you’d never seen before.

If you did do something wrong, you’ll feel bad, and you probably should. But punishing yourself isn’t the first priority. If there is any chance of pregnancy or an STI, go get tested immediately. Do not pass go, do not collect \$200, do not do a damn thing until you know whether or not your body has been affected. If your woes are of the social kind, fess up. Do the honorable thing and be honest with whoever needs your honesty. That’s the only way to make right what your drunken genitals screwed up.

In all of these situations, keep in mind that you are not the only one affected. Awkwardness is a two-way street. To avoid all of this, don’t chug and hug; don’t give the keg a pump and the girl a hump; don’t take a shot and make it hot; don’t pour to score. If you’re going to imbibe, drink but still think. Sex is more fun with a clear head anyway.

*Maya Horowitz is the Flat Hat sex columnist. She knows a thing or two about awkward mornings after.*



GRAPHIC BY OLIVIA WALSH

# ‘Rent’ superstar graces campus



COURTESY PHOTO — MOVIEWEB.COM  
*Anthony Rapp dances on a bar table during the film’s musical number “La Vie Bohème.” Rapp will speak tomorrow at Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$4 for students and \$20 for non-students.*

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on Broadway, Rapp performed in an off-Broadway play, and most recently worked for the Obama campaign. “I met Obama through my sister who worked with congressmen,” Rapp said. “I was very impressed by [Obama’s] 2004 speech at convention.”

Rapp has volunteered in Texas and Philadelphia, and spent this past week in Ohio, “mostly knocking on doors and making phone calls, making sure people have the information to get to polls, arranging rides if they need them.”

Next January, Rapp will resume his role as Mark Cohen in a nationwide production of “Rent.” Fellow Broadway-original Adam Pascal will also resume his role as Roger Davis.

“I’ve done a lot of other good things in the meantime that I’m proud of, but there’s nothing like ‘Rent.”” Despite constantly discussing “Rent” with various audiences, Rapp said he would, “never get tired of it. Do you ever get tired of the people you love in your life? Never will be, can’t imagine ever being tired of it.”

Rapp will speak in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall tomorrow at 7 p.m. Admission is \$4 for students and \$20 for non-students.

# McDonald’s Hall coming our way

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For the first 315 years of this institution’s existence, we have worked to maintain a certain level of stateliness and decorum in the face of such trying hardships as the Civil War and ’80s music. We now know all we need to about this approach: it was wrong. Such a stance put us exactly where we are now: on our knees, begging the state to continue our funding (and who knows what they’ll make Board of Visitors Rector Michael Powell ’85 do in return). That, however, cannot be our answer. The answer is to sell out, shamelessly.

At a time such as this, it is important to remember that dignity is only a word, while money can be spent on goods and services.

On this front, I have many ideas. Most sports teams around the country name their stadiums after corporations in return for large sums of money. To my mind, that move falls far short. It would provide us with a good start, but I think that a big financial crisis deserves big ideas — solutions for the 21st century. Why can’t I be late for my biology class in McDonald’s Hall because my American politics class (GOV 301: The Tylenol-Advil Debate) ran late due to mandatory weekly consumer polls?

Not only that, but we could vastly extend a company’s traditional markets, in addition to the way in which those markets are reached,

by actually placing ads within newspaper articles. Take the following, for instance:

“Cialis: Because Drinking Too Much Happens.”

I’m giving Cialis that one for free, but just think of the possibilities for the future. I’m dreaming of the day when ads separate every newspaper paragraph, and classes are preceded by movie trailers.

Now, before you blame me for coming to the table with nothing real to offer, I’ll inform you that I just closed the deal on a particularly lucrative contract. Thanks to my impressive entrepreneurial skills, as well as the expensively clad elbows I rub while dining at the club (a very awkward moment if the act is not reciprocated) the following is now a done deal, barring the signatures of just a few key people: the Wren cross, brought to you by the Sex Workers Art Show.

A concept so simple, I don’t know why they didn’t think of it last year — maybe I should be made president. And all we need are the signatures of a few state senators — mere formalities, really.

Hell, if the crisis gets bad enough, we could even change the name of Campus Drive to Ukrop Way.

*Brad “Tampax” Clark is a Confusion Corner columnist. He will do anything for your money. Literally anything.*

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## CAPSULE REVIEWS

**FUNHOUSE PINK** ★★★★★

Pink’s new album “Funhouse” deceptively invites the audience into a world filled with demented relationships, reckless abandon and sorrowful loneliness.

After a four year hiatus, Pink only recently returned to the charts in 2007. Now, with “Funhouse,” her fifth album to date, Pink proves that she’s not simply a rosy one-trick artist. Her talent can be reinvented and channeled into a lasting impression valuable for the music industry.

Her Billboard 100 number-one hit “So What” mixes her edgy punk-rock voice with upbeat background instrumentals, forming a bitter-sweet combination with which the heartbroken masses can truly sympathize. Pink perfects her raspy, belting voice in “Funhouse,” as she dishes out growling alto notes contrapuntally

alongside rich, soaring melodies, best showcased in “It’s All Your Fault.”

“Sober” intelligently expresses the self-destruction and depression of substance abuse. She questions, “But how do I feel this good sober?” illuminating the nuances of a battle with a self-consuming addiction. Pink shows her range of musicality and emotions, and still fills the album with vivacious fun and tenderly witty songs alike.

Overall, “Funhouse” opens an illuminating portal into the 29 year old’s beautifully self-realized life.

—Janice Van





# INSIDE SPORTS

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## What's on TV?

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Virginia Tech vs. Maryland

— 7:30 p.m. Thursday on ESPN

NBA

Denver vs. Dallas

— 10:30 p.m. Friday on ESPN



## Sound bytes

“Play 60 minutes. You may have a second to spare.”

— Texas Tech Head Coach Mike Leach, following his team's score with one second left to defeat no. 1 Texas 39-33.



## By the numbers

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— Percent of students who were absent in Philadelphia's public schools during Friday's Phillies parade.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Tribe enters CAA Tournament as top seed

*College looks for first conference championship title since 2003*

By JACK LAMBERT  
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Thanks to two goals and one assist by senior forward Claire Zimmeck in the second half of Thursday night's 3-2 victory over Old Dominion University, the College of William and Mary clinched first place in the conference over James Madison University.

The Tribe's regular season championship assured the Tribe home field advantage throughout the tournament; it will host both the semifinal and final matches at Albert-Daly Field. The College will receive a bye into the semifinals and face the winner of the Hofstra University-Old Dominion University match held Tuesday night in Norfolk.

“[The bye] means a lot because the kids can have a couple of days rest, first of all, and then we'll start gearing up,” Head Coach John Daly said.

The Tribe will have plenty of motivation as

it gears up for its match Friday night. In the past three CAA Tournaments, the Tribe has been eliminated in the semifinals on penalty kicks and has not won a conference tournament match since 2003.

“This is huge for me and for all the seniors. All of us really want this,” senior Abbey Lauer said. “We've been in the CAA semifinals twice before and haven't even gotten to the finals.”

Although the College will host the CAA Tournament semifinals and finals for the first time in school history, the Tribe is not guaranteed an easy road. Both JMU and Hofstra defeated the Tribe during the regular season, and the College has not beaten any of the other four teams in the tournament by more than one goal.

“I think having beaten a team before can be somewhat of a psychological disadvantage because sometimes you'll go into it thinking, ‘Oh we've beat them before, we can do it again,’” Lauer said.

The College has established itself as a dangerous second-half team, scoring 11 goals after the 60th minute in the past nine games. But at the same time, the Tribe has managed just one first-half goal during its last six matches.

The College has also beaten strong non-conference opponents, including Brigham Young University, North Carolina State University and the University of Maryland, during the regular season, and lost to unimpressive teams Columbia University and Georgia State University.

One final question mark remains for the College as it heads into the tournament: Which Tribe team — the late-game heroes or the opening half sleepwalkers — will show up?

“I just like having the resolve to make sure we're the first ones to score and having that momentum going forward,” Lauer said.

“I think we've been doing well coming from behind, but in the postseason that's going to be a lot harder to do.”



COURTESY PHOTO — W&M SPORTS INFORMATION  
Freshman forward Stephanie Gerow (20)

## College continues CAA championship sweep

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finishing within 10 seconds of each other. Overall, the College's top seven runners finished just 47 seconds apart.

Freshman Peter Dorrell came in 10th overall, while fellow freshman Chris Tyson followed in 11th place. The Tribe's first nine finishers all earned all-CAA honors.

### TRIBE WOMEN

“We had a great day,” Head Coach Kathy Newberry said. “It was what we were looking for.”

Juniors Emily Anderson and Meghan Burns led the way for the Tribe, earning first and third in the 6,000-meter race, respectively. Anderson completed the course in a personal best time of 21:02, while Burns finished close

behind in 21:18.

Sophomore Betsy Graney returned from tendinitis in her knee to finish third on the team and sixth overall. Junior Kelsey Byrne, senior Lynn Morelli and freshman Heather Beichner rounded out the College's all-CAA performers.

Despite its dominance over conference opponents, which included a quality James Madison University team that finished 44 points behind the College in second, the team knows that there are always more steps to be taken heading into championship season.

“As a team, we accomplished our goal for the weekend,” junior Kelly McElroy said, who finished ninth on the team and 22nd overall.



CAITLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT  
Sophomore Emily Anderson

## Offense turns up heat in second half



COURTESY PHOTO — W&M SPORTS INFORMATION  
Freshman tailback Jonathan Grimes ran for 96 yards and one touchdown against the Tigers.

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“It was a wakeup call,” junior defensive end Adrian Tracy said.

Receiving the halftime kickoff, the Tribe promptly embarked on a methodical 10-play, 80-yard scoring drive punctuated by Phillips's 19-yard touchdown strike to sophomore wideout Chase Hill.

With the game even, the Tigers responded by botching the first snap of their ensuing drive. Pigram raced in to cover up the football at the Towson 36-yard line.

Three plays later, the Tribe seized a lead which it would not relinquish. After quickly moving to the Towson 17-yard

line, junior tight end Rob Varno found a seam in the middle of the Tiger's two deep zone defense and Phillips hit his teammate for the score.

The College then capped a third quarter in which it outgained Towson 204 to -4 in offensive yardage with a 39-yard field goal from junior kicker Brian Pate to gain a 27-14 lead.

A fourth-quarter touchdown run by Grimes and interceptions from senior cornerback Derek Cox and sophomore safety Michael Alvarado ensured the victory.

The College won its fourth straight conference game for the first time since 2004. It put itself in control of its own des-

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### Game Stats

##### RUSHING YARDS

Tribe — 239

Tigers — 43

##### PASSING YARDS

Tribe — 265

Tigers — 195

##### 3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS

Tribe — 4 of 13

Tigers — 2 of 14

#### Individual Stats

##### PASSING

Jake Phillips — 21 of 33, 265 yards, 3 touchdowns, 1 interception

##### RUSHING

Jonathan Grimes — 96 yards, 1 touchdown

##### RECEIVING

Rob Varno — 5 catches for 67 yards, 1 touchdown

D. J. McAulay — 2 catches, 96 yards, 1 touchdown

## McCurdy excited to get on court for College

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McCurdy remembers traveling to Indiana for his uncle's basketball camp when he was technically too young to attend, but his uncle allowed him to play anyway. Early basketball experiences, [such as that one], with his uncles, brother and father all fueled his passion for the game.

“Basketball was the first sport I loved and the only sport I loved to play,” McCurdy said.

But for some of the last four years, the game hasn't been too kind to McCurdy.

He missed his senior season at St. Anthony's and went about eight months without playing full court basketball, landing at the University of Arkansas in a less than ideal situation — at least physically.

“It was hard not being able to play with the guys right when I got down there, especially being the newcomer. And I was injured,” McCurdy said. “I wanted to go in there and show them what I could do.”

After enrolling in summer classes at Arkansas prior to his freshman year, McCurdy waited another six weeks before playing full court bas-

ketball with his new teammates. Though he was rounding into shape when practice started in October, McCurdy had just spent nearly a year without playing basketball, so jumping into SEC basketball didn't come easily.

“I was definitely rusty when I first came back, but that thought didn't enter my mind then,” McCurdy said.

Following his sophomore year at Arkansas, McCurdy's coach, Stan Heath, was fired.

“Arkansas wasn't the place for me anymore,” McCurdy said. “There was a coaching change going on. They brought in Dana Altman from Creighton [University], and he accepted the job and turned it down 24 hours later. There was about a three to four week period where they didn't have a head coach.”

McCurdy set out to find a new school. Two weeks after visiting the College, he committed to Head Coach Tony Shaver's program.

“I liked what Coach Shaver had to offer,” McCurdy said. “I liked how he carried himself. I just really liked what the team had to offer, and I saw great things in the players here.”

Now, after sitting out a year due to NCAA

transfer regulations, McCurdy finds himself back on the court and playing with the first team at the College.

“Sitting out was hard, but at the same time it wasn't, because I got to practice everyday with the guys,” McCurdy said. “The only thing I didn't get to do was play in games, which was definitely difficult. The season actually went by faster than I thought it was going to go. It was definitely a valuable time for me.”

McCurdy's quickness with the ball, ability to penetrate the lane and vocal leadership have impressed Shaver.

“He was with our program last year, so he knows what we like to do,” Shaver said. “Sean will make an immediate impact. I'm not ready to announce the starting lineup, but quite honestly it's hard to imagine him not being in that lineup.”

McCurdy will fill the void left by Nathan Mann, who graduated in May, and join junior guard David Schneider in the Tribe backcourt.

“I'm extremely happy here,” McCurdy said. “I honestly couldn't picture myself being anywhere else.

“This was one of the best decisions I've made.”



COURTESY PHOTO — W&M SPORTS INFORMATION  
Junior Sean McCurdy





SPORTS IN BRIEF

MEN'S SOCCER

Tribe allows late equalizing goal against Northeastern

Sophomore midfielder Nat Baako's fifth goal of the season was the College of William and Mary's (9-5-3, 5-4-1 CAA) only tally against host Northeastern University Saturday in a 1-1 tie.

Baako's goal came in the ninth minute off a feed from junior forward Andrew Hoxie. The Tribe held the lead until the Huskies notched the equalizer in the 89th minute on a late corner kick. The College now sits in third place in the CAA standings with one game remaining. If the Tribe wins its final match-up, it is guaranteed a spot in the CAA Tournament.

FIELD HOCKEY

College beats Longwood, falls to Old Dominion

After defeating non-conference foe Longwood University 4-0 Friday, the College of William and Mary (7-12, 4-4 CAA) fell 4-2 to Old Dominion University in the squad's final regular season match Sunday. Against the Monarchs, redshirt freshman forward Mikala Savaides and sophomore forward Jenna Cinalli scored for the College, which was outshot 17-10. In Friday's contest with Longwood, junior forward Wesley Drew tallied a goal and an assist as four players registered scores for the College. Sophomore goalkeeper Carrie Thompson recorded her third shutout while making four saves.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Tribe completes four-team sweep at JMU competition

A four-team sweep improved the College of William and Mary's season mark to 5-1 as the Tribe toppled Old Dominion University, Drexel University, Northeastern University and James Madison University at a competition held in Harrisonburg, Va., over the weekend. The College swept all four relay events. Freshman Haley Hewitt came away from the meet with five total wins including the 100-m fly, 200-m fly and 200-m back, as well as two relay titles.

MEN'S SWIMMING

College swims past Drexel in weekend CAA split

The College of William and Mary (2-2) defeated Drexel University 220-130, while falling to Old Dominion University 204-149 over the weekend. The Tribe swept the 400-meter free relay as the team of sophomore Michael Naccarelli, senior Shawn Matthews, freshman Callum Lawson and junior Kevin Gallagher raced to a time of 3:09.73. Matthews and senior Jeff Collier both earned individual victories on the first day of the meet in the 100-m back and Collier in the 1,650-m free, respectively.

— By Chris Weidman

SCHEDULE

Thurs., Nov. 6

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ITA National Indoor Champ. — Charlottesville, Va.

FIELD HOCKEY

vs. Hofstra (CAA Quarterfinals) — Virginia Beach, Va. — 6 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

DREXEL — 7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 7

MEN'S TENNIS

TRIBE INVITATIONAL

WOMEN'S TENNIS

ITA National Indoor Champ. — Charlottesville, Va.

Kitty Harrison Invitational — Chapel Hill, N.C.

MEN'S SWIMMING

SHIPPENSBURG — 5 p.m.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

RICHMOND — 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

@ Georgia State — Atlanta, Ga. — 5 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

CAA SEMIFINAL — 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

M.I. EXPRESS — 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

McCurdy finds right fit

Arkansas transfer guard ready to suit up for Tribe

By ANDREW PIKE

Flat Hat Sports Editor



COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION  
Junior guard Sean McCurdy

College of William and Mary junior Sean McCurdy can still remember the exact date four years ago when his basketball career began to take on a different path.

"I broke my foot in practice the 17th of December. I won't forget it," McCurdy said. "I knew right when I did it that something happened. Basically my foot shattered and I went in for immediate surgery the next morning."

St. Anthony's season opener was Dec. 20 and McCurdy was not on the court. McCurdy, who had started at point guard since he was a sophomore for coaching legend Bob Hurley Sr., missed his entire senior season. For someone who had played basketball almost everyday he can remember, the injury came as quite a change.

"It was definitely an adjustment for me," McCurdy said. "I knew I couldn't play. I knew I couldn't shoot because I couldn't walk. It was my senior year, and, of course, I wanted to be out there."

McCurdy grew up in a basketball family. His father Bob led the NCAA in scoring in 1975 while playing at the University of Richmond. Bob's brother also played at Richmond, and Sean's mother's family has strong ties to Indiana high school basketball. Cindy's father and two brothers are all in the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame.

"Both sides of family were extremely successful," McCurdy said. "Basketball is something that's always been there."

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FOOTBALL

Tribe 34      Towson 14

Head hunting

Tribe clamps down on Tigers, remains tied for 2nd in CAA South

By MATT POMS

Flat Hat Assoc. Sports Editor

The College of William and Mary (6-2, 4-1 CAA) was in a familiar situation at halftime in its contest against Towson University (3-6, 1-4 CAA) Saturday.

Playing on the road against an inferior conference opponent, the Tribe trailed 14-7 after a first half filled with mistakes and missed opportunities in an eerie repeat of last week's game against the University of Rhode Island.

Luckily for the Tribe, the comparisons to last week's homecoming contest did not end at the half. Just as the College stormed back to defeat Rhode Island, the Tribe emerged from the locker room and put together a dominating second-half performance, burying the shell-shocked Tigers 34-14 behind 265 yards and three touchdowns with one interception from senior quarterback Jake Phillips. Towson managed just seven second half yards.

"We kind of put ourselves in a hole in the first half, but we maintained our poise and came back," Head Coach Jimmie Laycock said. "It was a good solid effort for us in the second half."

Freshman tailback Jonathan Grimes ran for 96 yards and a touchdown, and senior linebacker Michael Pigram came up with a big fumble recovery, as the College turned a tight game into a blowout in the second half.

The final result seemed unlikely after a first half in which Towson kept the Tribe off-balance with a series of big plays and stout third-down defense.

After the College opened the scoring with a 65-yard Phillips touchdown pass to junior wideout D.J. McAulay, the Tribe seemed poised to take a two-possession lead when it drove deep into Towson territory in the second quarter. However, Towson safety Drew Mack picked off Phillips's pass at the Tigers' 19-yard line to stifle the threat. Towson quarterback Sean Schaeffer quickly moved his squad into Tribe territory in four plays, but was faced with a fourth and one at the College's 27-yard line. Going for the first down rather than taking the field goal, the senior executed a superb play-action fake and found tight end John Godlasky wide open for a tying score.

With the score even, the Tigers then went ahead on a desperation 44-yard touchdown pass with only four seconds left in the half, as receiver Tommy Breaux slipped behind sophomore cornerback Ben Cottingham to haul in the reception and supply his team with the halftime advantage.

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COURTESY PHOTO — WILLIAM AND MARY SPORTS INFORMATION  
Junior safety David Caldwell pops Towson wide receiver Hakeem Moore, dropping him for a loss and knocking off his helmet.

Third quarter statistics: Tribe takes control

Tribe points	20	Towson points	0
Tribe yards	193	Towson yards	-9

CROSS COUNTRY

College sweeps CAA titles

Tribe men, women win ninth, sixth straight

By JAMISON SHABANOWITZ

The Flat Hat



CATLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT  
Junior Colin Leak

The College of William and Mary dominated the CAA Championships Saturday in what has become a fall tradition for the Tribe. The men have now won nine consecutive CAA crowns, while the women have taken six straight.

Racing at Bull Run Regional Park in Manassas, Va., the College men posted a CAA record 50-point victory one year after setting the conference's low-point record total of 16 points. Meanwhile, the women won by 44 points — the third largest margin of victory in CAA history.

TRIBE MEN

"We executed well," Head Coach Alex Gibby said. "I was pleased with the effort from a lot of the guys."

Nine of the top 12 finishers in the 8,000-meter race were Tribe runners, led by second-place junior Colin Leak with a time of 24:00. Junior Jon Grey and sophomore Patterson Wilhelm, third and fourth, respectively, joined Leak in pushing Georgia State's top runner, Mark Steeds, for first place the entire race. Leak finished just four seconds behind race champion Steeds.

"[Patterson] was with Mark for the first 5,000 meters, but then Colin and Jon came on strong together and continued the pressure when [Patterson] began to languish," Gibby said.

Junior Harry Miller, sophomore Lewis Woodward, junior Charlie Swartz and sophomore Brian Sklodowski were the next four Tribe runners to finish, taking places five through eight and

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CATLIN FAIRCHILD — THE FLAT HAT  
Junior Emily Anderson